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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO ACCOMPANY
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

This amendment and reply accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is submitted in response to the Final Office Action that was mailed on May 5, 2006 in view of the Advisory Action that was mailed on August 25, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. On September 5, 2006, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal. Because the RCE is being submitted within two months of the filing of the Notice of Appeal, it is timely. At this time, Applicants also request a telephonic interview with the Examiner.

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